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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The advice of the Advisory Council is confidential, Sir, and therefore the relationship between the Government and the Advisory Council cannot be disclosed. Some of the members who constitute the Council are High Court Judges and naturally we give them the highest respect."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that Government have issued instructions to District Magistrates to avoid these unnecessary delays, may I know, Sir, if any provision is made in the Statute to enable the detenus to seek redress if there is unnecessary delay on the part of the District Magistrates? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" A Bill on this matter is coming before this House tomorrow or the day after, Sir, when the question can be discussed."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Why tomorrow? To-day itself we can discuss it, if there is time."

Ante-natal clinics run by local authorities.

* 12 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether provision has been made in the ante-natal clinics run by the local authorities to supply expectant mothers attending them with maternity packs and dressings for the lying-in period and, if not, whether the Government propose to issue necessary instructions regarding the same?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The answer to the first part is in the negative.

" Such provision being desirable, the question has already been taken up for examination with reference to the cost involved and the possibility of even trained expectant mothers not using the materials properly."

Alleged dispossession of land assigned to ex-servicemen.

* 13 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether cases of dispossessing ex-servicemen of Grow More Food land in favour of political sufferers have arisen and, if so, what redress has been given to the ex-servicemen?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" On certain complaints received by Government that lands leased to ex-servicemen under the Grow More Food Scheme were being taken away from them and assigned to political sufferers, the Government issued specific instructions to Collectors that ex-servicemen who were in occupation of lands under the Grow More Food Scheme or otherwise should under no circumstances be dispossessed of their lands if they are landless poor persons. The Collectors have also been

informed that lands in the occupation of poor ex-servicemen should be assigned to them in accordance with the general instructions recently issued for assignment of lands. The complaints that were received were transferred to the concerned Collectors for necessary action in accordance with instructions referred to above."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would take away the land from the ex-servicemen if there had been an unauthorized encroachment by them upon the land and re-assign it to political sufferers? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" A Government Order has been issued in the matter, Sir, under which the Collectors have been instructed to observe certain conditions in assigning lands. I am sure the Collectors will use their discretion in each case and do the needful."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, may I know, in the case of ex-servicemen, if they are not landless and if they have been cultivating the lands under the Grow More Food Scheme, the orders of Government are that they should be taken back? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, this question has not arisen in the way the hon. Member has raised it. I have said that if he is a man who has already got lands and is rich enough, he has no special priority over others."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether that consideration weighs in the case of political sufferers also? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I do not think, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Am I to take it, Sir, that so far as ex-servicemen and others are concerned the fact that they are already owners of land is taken into account while assigning lands and in the case of political sufferers, even if they own lands already, they will still be assigned more lands by Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I can only draw the attention of the hon. Member to G.O. No. 1523, dated 11th June 1949 which is elaborate and clear."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that even when persons have spent large sums of money in reclaiming lands in their occupation, they have been deprived of their lands and the lands made over to others? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It is quite natural, Sir, that if anyone encroaches upon a land belonging to somebody else he is not allowed to do so. Similarly if

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there is any encroachment on Government land, the Government have a right to evict the person concerned and give it to the person entitled to it under the Government Order."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know, Sir, if there are no cases in which the persons who occupy the lands under Government Orders and who have spent large sums of money for cultivating them, have been deprived of such lands and the lands given to political sufferers?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" If my hon. friend is referring to any leases, after the termination of the lease, the Government must have probably taken back the lands and assigned them to others."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether at any time these ex-servicemen were promised any land which was taken away later on and will Government assure us that they would not be ousted from the land so long as they continue to remain on it?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Such a hypothetical question cannot be answered, Sir. If my hon. friend can point out to the Government the hardship caused to any ex-servicemen by the Government Order, Government will certainly examine them and give as much consideration as possible. It is our intention, Sir, that ex-servicemen should be helped like any other set of people in the matter of assignment of land."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Does it not stand to natural justice, Sir, that when a person has been given a certain piece of land and allowed to spend large sums of money on that land, he should not be deprived of that land without paying him any compensation?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It looks quite feasible in the way the hon. Member has put that question. But he does not see clearly that if the lease is for a particular period, even if the lessee has spent large sums of money over the land, he will be directed to leave the land at the expiry of the lease."

2-45 p.m. SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister assure, Sir, that so long as they cultivate the land they would not be evicted?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I should like to have notice of this."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is it not a fact that all the rules of assignment are observed in cases of assignment of land to political sufferers?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir. There is already a Government Order which clearly explains the procedure to be adopted by the Collectors. The Collectors are following these instructions."